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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 6/30/2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited, (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on 8/16/2005 and 8/10/2004 are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 11-15 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75, as being failing to conform a system for driving a motor by the recitation of a controller and a memory, or a plurality of driving environments and a plurality of controllers, without any recitation of corresponding elements to provide the structural relationship in order to provide a functional system for driving a motor with the recited controller and memory elements. The claims are drafted in such a board sense that the claims fail to comply with rule 37 CFR 1.75.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

5. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ikawa et al (2003/0039185, Foreign Priority Date April 20, 2001, 2001-122432).

With respect to claims 1, 4, and 7, Ikawa et al disclose at paragraphs [0014], [0027], and [0028] that:

The control means receives a number n of instruction values of a first group (where n is an integer equal to or greater than two) and produces and outputs a number p of instruction values of a second group (where p is an integer equal to or greater than $(n+1)$ but less than $2n$) in accordance with the n instruction values of the first group...

The n instruction values are calculated the same as the first and the second method steps as set forth in claim 1. Ikawa et al further disclose at paragraphs [0015], and [0031] to [0038] the performance index calculation the same as method step 3 of claim

1. Ikawa et al further disclose at paragraph [0024] and paragraph [0025] the storing step the same as step 4 of claim 1.

With respect to claims 2, 5, 9, and 10, Ikawa et al show in figure 5 a weight calculator 26 assigning predetermined weights to each of the predetermined control factors or PARAMETER DETERMINING the same as recited in the claims.

Claims 3, 6, and 8 further recite the weight factors. Since the weight factors recited in the claims fail to provide any structural relationship or method steps to clearly define these weight factors, it is considered as the inherent characteristic PARAMETER of Ikawa et al's control system.

6. Claims 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Ikawa et al (2003/0039185, Foreign Priority Date April 20, 2001, 2001-122432).

Claims 11-15 are drafted in such a board sense that the claims fail to clearly define the invention. The claims are considered as clearly anticipated by Ikawa et al for the reasons as set forth in the previous paragraphs.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claims 1-15 are drafted in such a board sense that the claims only can be read on part of the figure 4 of the invention. Claims 1-15 are not patentable over the patent or publication to Ikawa et al.

Citation of Pertinent References


8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The patents to Ikawa et al (6,977,874), Hong et al (4,965,713), and Hardaway (3,466,430) disclose control systems considered relevant to the claimed invention.

Communication Information

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Ip whose telephone number is (571)-272-1941. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 6:30 am to 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lincoln Donovan, can be reached on 571-272-1988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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